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Nursing Assistant Training is back at RCC

The Corporate & Community Education Department launched its first Nursing Assistant Training Program under the Massachusetts Community College Workforce Development Transformation Agenda (MACCWDTA), a federal grant funded by the Department of Labor (DOL).

Nine students formed the cohort, which started on June 17. The 10-week training program is being offered at the reduced rate of \$500 and includes nursing laboratory sessions, clinical work at off-site nursing facilities and assistance in job search and job placement.

Requirements for the program include English proficiency, High School Diploma or GED, CORI check, Accuplacer and immunizations.

Please join us in extending praise on their hard work throughout the program!



Congratulations to our most recent graduates, Jenneh T. Bayour, Marie J. Bellegarde, Deqa Elmi, Taina S. Noelsaint, Huong T. Nguyen, Yolanda S. Scales, Vanessa R. Moore, Siraje Senkubuge and Stephanie Rodriguez who are pictured above with Laurence Fils-Aime, Nursing Instructor; Gloria Cater, Dean of Nursing; and Marie Lunie Dalexis, Lead Nursing Instructor



The Boston Private Industry Council (PIC) Meeting

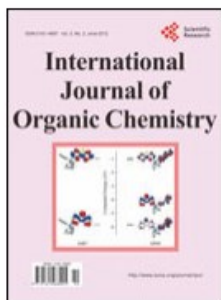
At last week's, 2013 Annual PIC meeting, which was held at the Federal Reserve Bank, our president, Dr. Valerie Roberson, was a featured speaker, along with Dr. Pam Eddinger, new president of Bunker Hill Community College, and John McDonough, Interim Superintendent, Boston Public Schools. Dr. Roberson's speech was well-received, and she later received kudos from the meeting attendees.

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RCC Faculty Making their Mark

Faculty Published

Dr. Kimberly Stieglitz is part of a team of researchers that has had their article, "Al-Pillared Ghassoulite Clay as a New Green Catalyst for the Synthesis of Benzothiazoles and Benzimidazoles: Effect of Amine/CEC Ratio," published in the June 2013 edition of the *International Journal of Organic Chemistry*. The study characterizes a natural product, which is extracted from Moroccan clay, called Ghassoulite, that acts as a catalyst to make the reaction to the compounds Benzothiazoles and Benzimidazoles for drug studies fast and efficient.



Faculty Paper

Former Writing Center volunteer and new faculty member Emily Artiano is presenting a paper called "Unlearning Colonial Hegemonic Discourse in Mary Rowlandson's *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God*." This will be at the **Critical Ethnic Studies Conference** in Chicago on September 19, 2013

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MFA Membership

Through the generosity of a donor, the College does have a membership. However, please do not try to use that membership until we are given the "go-ahead." VP Mercomes will send out an email as soon as we get that notification.

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Additional honors came to RCC when the 2013 PIC Achiever Awards were announced. One of our associate degree graduates, JoAn Blake, who went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Laboratory Clinical Sciences at Boston University, was recognized as a PIC Achiever. Ms. Blake is now a Senior Compliance Specialist at Cytonome ST. We sincerely congratulate Ms. Blake (pictured back row, fourth from the left), and we are so proud of her accomplishments.



Mark Your Calendar

- September 21:** Homecoming
- September 24:** PTK Elections
- October 1:** Scholarly Speaker Series
- October 8:** PTK Spirit Day
- October 10:** PTK Open House
- October 7:** The State of Community Colleges in an Urban Setting
- October 11:** 40th Gala
- October 22:** Community Career Fair

Phi Theta Kappa Update

After experiencing a successful prior year, Phi Theta Kappa is off and running with its new theme, "Nerd is the New Cool!" On September 24th, Phi Theta Kappa will be holding its election for new officers: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Scholarship, Secretary and Treasurer. In conjunction with the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa will be co-sponsoring a Scholarly Speaker Series on October 1st, featuring Dr. Polina Anikeeva, MIT's Assistant Professor in Materials Science and Engineering. Dr. Anikeeva's research interest is in neurological and neuromuscular disorders by developing materials for neural prosthetic. Other exciting Phi Theta Kappa activities are being planned which you will hear about in future updates, such as the Phi Theta Kappa Spirit Day (October 8th), Open House (October 10th), and the Spring 2014 Induction Ceremony.



Professional Development

Given the new college policy for student attendance and the responsibility of faculty to report accurate information on the Add/Drop Class Lists, mid-term, and final rosters, the Academic Technology division will host multiple drop-in sessions for faculty who need training or help using MyRCC.

The key dates for entering information into MyRCC are below. The drop-in sessions are clustered around these dates.

- **Add/Drop Class List** due: Wednesday, September 18
- **Mid-term grades** due: Friday, October 25
- **Autumn Access**: Friday, November 1
- **Final grades** due: Monday, December 23

Please contact Jenene Cook (jcook@rcc.mass.edu) with any questions about the drop-in sessions. If there are issues with your courses in MyRCC, please contact the Enrollment Center. If there is a student in your class that is not on your class list, please send them to the Enrollment Center immediately.

Using Rosters & Tracking Attendance in MyRCC

This workshop provides an overview of the college's attendance policy and instruction on how to access class rosters and track attendance in MyRCC. Basic navigation and updating your profile will also be covered.

Dates: 9/16 (2:30-4PM), 9/17 (3-5PM), 9/18 (12-1:30PM, 4:30-6PM)

Location: 3-207Q

PowerPoint Essentials

This workshop provides an overview of basic PowerPoint features. Participants will explore themes and navigation of an existing multi-slide presentation as well as create a simple presentation that applies a template. Presenting across computers will also be discussed.

Date: Wednesday, 9/18

Times 3-4PM

Location: 3-207Q

Classroom Technology Drop-in Sessions

David will be available in 207Q for anyone who wants to drop in to learn more about using the technology in our learner-centered classrooms. If you want to know the basics, learn some more advanced features, or just practice using the technology, come on by!

Dates: Wednesday, 9/25, 10/9

Times: 8-10AM, 12-2PM

Location: 3-207Q

I Can See My House From Here!

This workshop will introduce you to Google Earth, a powerful, free software package available here in all our classrooms, and to you at home or in the office. We will look at the many features and possibilities this program affords, and discover ways to integrate it into your own lesson plans.

Dates: Tuesday, 9/17

Times: 1:30-2:30PM

Location: 3-207Q

Weekly Moodle Drop-in Sessions

These informal drop-in sessions are open to any and all faculty at any level of Moodle experience.

Come for 10 minutes or the full hour. Find out what Moodle can do for you and how other faculty are using Moodle in their courses. Gain the skills you need to earn the Basic or Intermediate Level Moodle Proficiency Certificate. (If you let me know you are coming in advance, I'll try to have a fresh pot of coffee available.)

Dedicated mini-sessions on requested Moodle topics can be arranged for two or more faculty. Or schedule individual time to work on your Moodle skills at any time Monday thru Thursday, 10AM to 3PM by email request: tmacdonald@rcc.mass.edu

Date: Every Monday and Thursday, 9/16- 11/14

Time: 12-2PM

Location: 3-207Q

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu